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## IDS Resignation Confirms Reality of Unfair Government

by Therese Hirst

The resignation of Ian Duncan Smith, the Minister for Work and Pensions, in light of the further proposed cuts to disability benefits announced by the Chancellor, George Osborne in his Budget, sent the Tory party into a whirl of accusation and counter-accusation. Defenders of the minister lauded him as a man of principle who could no longer tolerate deeper cuts to Disability Benefits, the new Personal Independence Payment, that he himself had been the architect of; claiming that the cuts were a step too far and "deeply unfair".

### Dirty Tricks?

Tory sceptics, on the other hand, were quick to play the 'dirty-tricks' card, claiming that his resignation had been carefully staged in order to do the utmost damage to Osborne's prospects of becoming the new Tory party leader; claiming also that it was a ploy to do damage to the Prime Minister over Brexit.

### *Denial*

Ian Duncan Smith was quick to deny these claims going on the Andrew Marr, Sunday Politics Show to insist that it had nothing to do with anything other than his sense of moral indignation with a government which often professed that "we were all in it together", when in reality this was false and bogus, as the proposed Budget cuts hit the most vulnerable in society the hardest.

Whatever the reason – or reasons – for this shock resignation, the fall-out might not be as damaging as Geoffrey Howe's betrayal of Margaret Thatcher but a hammer blow it certainly was as the government was quick to shelve the planned disability cuts; and going even further by announcing that it would not seek to fill the £4.4bn black-hole through cuts to welfare. So, for the time being at least, those that faced the Damocles Sword of Osborne can rest in their wheelchairs a little while longer, whilst the rest of us have to wait to see where it falls.

## Sovereignty Questions at the Heart of the EU Debate-The Answer is Easier than You Think

**By Robin Tilbrook (Chairman English Democrats)**

When politicians talk about sovereignty they are often hoping that most people will not understand what they are talking about and will switch off and thereby silently accept whatever they are saying.

But really "Sovereignty" is quite a simple idea wrapped up in a complicated sounding Norman originated word.

### **Sovereignty defined**

National sovereignty simply means the power and the right for our national political institutions to make decisions for our national community unrestricted by any superior decision maker.

### **Where does it rest?**

The British State and British Establishment have long maintained the theory that British Sovereignty rests with the "Crown in Parliament" was the basis of the settlement following the "Glorious Revolution" of 1689. Various political theorists have argued that ultimately Sovereignty rests with the People.

### **Scotland Retains Sovereignty**

In the Scottish "Claim of Right" all of Scotland's senior political figures (including Gordon Brown) signed the declaration stating:- "We... do hereby acknowledge the sovereign right of the

Scottish people to determine the form of Government best suited to their needs, and do hereby declare and pledge that in all our actions and deliberations their interests shall be paramount!"

### **English Democrat View**

In the case of the English Democrats, as modern democratic nationalists, we have long campaigned to assert the national sovereignty of the People of the English Nation. English Democrats do not want decision makers in the EU having either the power or the right to tell our Nation and our People what they can and cannot decide!"

# Spring Conference Highlights

Conference was intense this year and delegates were in good voice. Following is a brief rundown of what took place.

## **A Candidate for London**

We were inspired by the ED London Mayoral Candidate Winston MacKenzie. He shared his vision for London with the delegates . He feels that the main parties are not taking the concerns of ordinary Londoners seriously. He now has a crowdfunding page on **Just Giving** and would need donations to realize his campaign. Please use the link (<https://crowdfunding.justgiving.com/winston-mckenzie-4-mayor-of-london>).

## **An English TUC? Why Not?**

Stephen Morris shared with us his passion for the rights of the working man. He told us about his work as a representative with the Workers of England and his recent personal success in winning an award for unfair dismissal from his employers. His further work to develop and promote an English Trade Union Congress continues. The unfairness piles up when considering that both the Scots and Welsh have their own TUC.

## **Speaking Out Against Sharia**

Toni Bugle talked to Conference about her work with MARIAS (Mothers Against Radical Islam and Sharia) and current legislation that she is working on with Baroness Cox to ban Sharia Law anywhere in the UK. Toni is relentless in her enthusiasm for combatting various abuses such as systematic (often condoned) rapes by Muslim men of young white girls in communities such as Rotherham and Oxford. Toni is also standing as a PCC (Police and Crime Commissioner) for Bedfordshire. Toni's bravery should be recognised as she has been subject to a number of threats. Follow her on Facebook (and donate) at: <https://www.facebook.com/marias.org.uk/>

## **What is TTIP and Why We Must Stop It!**

Graham Moore gave Conference a briefing about the **Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership**, a series of trade negotiations being carried out mostly in secret between the EU and U.S. TTIP is about reducing the regulatory barriers to trade for big business.

**NHS –TTIP** will introduce American Healthcare into the UK in a big way. EU don't mind this as they already use this model. England and the rest of the Home Nations will see a privatisation on an unprecedented scale if we stay in the EU. **Food and Environmental Safety-** More GM (70% of U.S. food already is). More pesticides allowed and any substance can be used until it is proved harmful.

**Banking Regulation-** Power handed back to the Bankers!

**Privacy-**Easing data privacy law and restricting public access.

**Jobs**-As more jobs are lost to the US it will cause unemployment. Labour standards are lower in U.S.

**Democracy**-Most worryingly it transfer powers to huge transnational companies who can sue governments if any policy or law causes loss of profit. Transnational Companies will dictate laws and undermine the rights of the democratic electorate.

**Read more about this at:** <http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/comment/what-is-ttip-and-six-reasons-why-the-answer-should-scare-you-9779688.html>

## **Editorial**

The Spring Conference in Huntingdon was something to remember. Flooding meant that we had to decamp to the Hotel adjoining the Racecourse as the room we had booked was flooded. Many waterfowl had taken up residence in the large temporary lake in the middle of the course. However the weather was beautiful so made up for any inconvenience.

Hot topic of the meeting was the current Brexit campaign and the layers of mis-information that the Remainers were putting out. Our pre-conference issue has gone some way to knocking down the scare stories that they are spreading amongst the voters.

The recent tragic events in Brussels came as no surprise to me nor would they have done to anyone who read my article about our visit in the last issue, where I highlighted the safety concerns that I had and also the general run down nature of our EU Capital. I feel that the EU is still blinkered in its approach to dealing with the terrorist threat.

Again we get back to the Brexit debate: are we safer because of the EU or more at risk?

With our own security we are on our own and can challenge and hold to account our leaders. Once the EU pools security we are only as safe as the weakest link and more crucially we are not able to hold anyone responsible when there is a cock-up.

Bridget Vickers

## **Writers For English Voice Needed**

If you would like to write for English Voice please be aware of our copy deadlines:

<b>Issue 6 June 2016</b>	<b>23/5/16</b>
<b>Issue 7 September 2016</b>	<b>15/8/16</b>
<b>Issue 8 Conference 2016</b>	<b>30/9/16</b>
<b>Issue 9 December 2016</b>	<b>15/11/16</b>

I am happy to publish opinions as long as you make it clear that is what they are. Copy should aim to be about 200-250 words long and I reserve the right to edit copy.

## **Media Appearances**

**Robin Tilbrook** has numerous appearances but the most recent is:<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UF--VRDMkzE&feature=youtu.be>

**Toni Bugle** debated recently with Mo Ansar watch all of it at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YrtFIXRU7iM>

Also listen to her on Politics Hour on 7/04 at 6-7pm

**Steve Uncles:** [Http://youtu.be/FBaI2KK6oY](http://youtu.be/FBaI2KK6oY)

**Charles Vickers** at BBC 3 Counties Politics Hour:<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0> (starts 4hours and 3 mins into programme)

I know that many of you appear regularly on your local media so please send me your links.

**Please remember that you represent the Party when you appear in public or stand for office. Make sure that you do not offend others with your language. It is easy to lose supporters this way.**